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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A method for storing contact information comprising the steps of:

storing in a database information about a plurality of groups;

storing in a database information about a contact that is a member of at least one of the plurality of groups;

10 linking the stored information about a contact to at least one of the plurality of groups;

receiving a request for stored information about a contact from a user;

15 providing stored information about a contact in response to the request for stored information about a contact.

2. The method for storing contact information of claim 1 wherein the step of storing information about a plurality of groups further comprises:

20 storing a group name for each of the plurality of groups; and

storing a group number for each of the plurality of groups.

25 3. The method for storing contact information of claim 2 wherein the step of storing information about a contact further comprises:

storing a group number of which the contact is a member;

storing a contact number for the contact; and

30 storing at least one of the group consisting of a telephone number and an e-mail address.

4. The method for storing contact information of claim 2 wherein the step of storing information about a contact further comprises:

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storing a group number of which the contact is a member;
storing a contact number for the contact;
5 storing a plurality of telephone numbers for the contact;
and
storing an e-mail address for the contact.

10 5. The method for storing contact information of claim 1
wherein the step of receiving a request for stored information
further comprises:

receiving a group identification from a user; and
receiving a contact identification of the desired contact
from a user.

15 6. The method for storing contact information of claim 5
wherein the step of providing stored information further
comprises:

20 searching the database for a contact having the received
group number;

searching the database for a contact having the received
contact number; and

25 providing at least one of the group consisting of a
telephone number and an e-mail address for a contact found in the
database having the received group number and the received
contact number.

30 7. The method for storing contact information of claim 6
further comprising connecting by telephone the user and a
contact.

8. The method for storing contact information of claim 6
further comprising:

receiving from the user an audio message; and

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sending the received audio message to a contact by e-mail.

5 9. The method for storing contact information of claim 6 further comprising:

receiving from the user a video message; and
sending the received video message to a contact by e-mail.

10 10. A method for storing contact information comprising the steps of:

authenticating a user;
receiving group information from a user;
receiving contact information from a user;
15 storing group information and contact information received from a user in a database;
receiving a telephonic request from a user for contact information; and
providing contact information to a user.

20 11. The method for storing contact information of claim 10 wherein the step of receiving group information from a user further comprises the steps of:

receiving a group name from a user; and
25 receiving a group number from a user.

12. The method for storing contact information of claim 11 wherein the step of receiving contact information further comprises the steps of:

30 receiving a group number from the user, the group number defining the group that the contact is a member of;
receiving a contact name from a user;
receiving a contact number from a user; and

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receiving at least one of the group consisting of a telephone number and an e-mail address from a user.

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13. The method for storing contact information of claim 12 further comprising retrievably storing the received contact information in a database, the information being retrievable based upon authenticated user information, the group number received, and the contact number received.

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14. The method for storing contact information of claim 13 wherein the step of receiving a request for contact information further comprises the steps of:

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receiving a group number from a user; and
receiving a contact number from a user.

15. The method for storing contact information of claim 14 wherein the step of providing contact information to a user further comprises:

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searching a database for records containing the authenticated user information, the received group number and the received contact number;

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retrieving contact information from the database; and
using the stored contact information to initiate telephonic communication between the user and the requested contact.

16. A system for storing contact information for a user comprising:

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a database coupled to a computer network for storing information about at least one group and about at least one contact within the at least one group;

a server coupled to the computer network, configured to receive group information from a user, receive contact

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information from the user, and to store the group information and the contact information received from the user in the database;

5 a telephone connected to a telecommunications network for communicating with a contact, the telephone being coupled to the server through the telecommunications network;

wherein the server is further configured to receive a request for contact information from the user using a telephone
10 and to provide the user with contact information.

17. The system for storing contact information of claim 16 wherein the server is further configured to arrange a telephonic link between a user on the telephone and a contact in response
15 to a user request for contact information.

18. The system for storing contact information of claim 17 wherein the server is further configured to receive an audio message from the user; and to send the audio message to a contact
20 over the computer network through e-mail information stored for the contact.

19. A computerized method for storing contact information comprising the steps of:

25 storing a group number for at least one group;
storing a group number and a contact number for a contact;
receiving from a user a selection of a contact, the selection containing a group number and a contact number;
connecting the user to the selected contact by telephone.
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20. A computer readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions including instructions for storing contact information, the instructions, when executed by a microprocessor, cause the microprocessor to perform the steps of:

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prompting a user to enter a group name;

receiving from the user a group name;

5 prompting the user to enter a group number;

receiving from the user a group number;

prompting the user to enter a group number for a contact;

receiving from the user a group number for a contact;

prompting the user to enter a contact number for the

10 contact;

receiving from the user a contact number for the contact;

prompting the user to enter contact information;

receiving from the user contact information;

storing the group number, the contact number, and the

15 contact information in a database;

prompting the user to enter a group number and a contact
number of a contact the user wishes to contact;

receiving from the user a group number and a contact number
of a contact;

20 searching the database for a contact having contact
information corresponding to the group number and the contact
number; and

connecting the user to the found contact.

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